



## Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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<b>Event Name</b>	Winter Weather
<b>Date</b>	January 22, 2015
<b>Time</b>	1500
<b>Operational Period</b>	January 22, 2015
<b>Report Number</b>	#2

<b>Regions Affected</b>	
<b>DPS Regions Affected</b>	Regions 1, 4, 5
<b>DDCs Active</b>	None

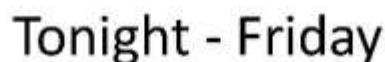
### STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

A strong winter storm system continued to move slowly out of the southern Rockies and will move to the southeast through the day before moving east across the region tonight. The heaviest snow amounts will fall across the extreme southern Texas Panhandle, while lesser totals are expected elsewhere throughout the South Plains and Rolling Plains. Periods of moderate snow will amount to 6 to 8 inches with locally higher totals over the extreme southern Texas Panhandle. One to 4 inches of snow are expected for the South Plains and Rolling Plains. In North Texas, periods of light snow mixed with rain or sleet is forecast, with very low impact expected. Up to 11 inches of snow is forecast for parts of West Texas, especially in the mountain areas and 1 to 4 inches in other areas. Travel may become hazardous as roads become icy and snow-packed.

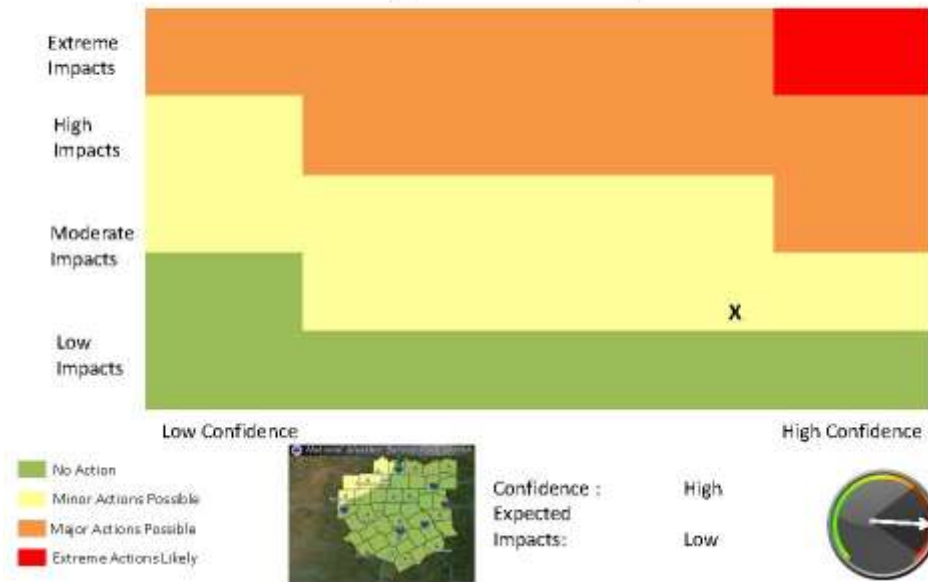
### Region 1

**NWS Fort Worth:** After a night of localized heavy rainfall, tonight will be a little quieter. However, the precipitation is not quite over yet. The precipitation will not end until the upper level storm passes, which should be during the middle of the night tonight. **Emergency Managers, elected officials, public works departments, and other public safety officials should monitor the specific forecast for their jurisdictions closely tonight and early tomorrow.** We are currently anticipating a mixture of rain and snow for much of the area during the overnight hours. Temperatures are critical, yet are currently forecast to be above 32 degrees, even during wintry precipitation. Additionally, the localized heavy rainfall will continue for the rest of the afternoon across Central Texas, which could lead to isolated minor/urban flooding. Most areas have already seen at least  $\frac{3}{4}$ " of rainfall from last night and this morning. While there is a possibility of additional snow, rain mixed with snow, and/or brief sleet (or any combination of the above), temperatures above freezing should keep impacts to a minimum. Impacts from wintry precipitation are not expected to be widespread. Leftover water on

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## Confidence and Impacts Tonight – Friday



### Region 4

**NWS El Paso:** A winter storm will impact southern New Mexico and West Texas on Thursday with heavy mountain snow and snow mixed with rain across the lower elevations. Around 5 to 11 inches of snow will fall over mountain areas above 7000 feet with 1 to 4 inches of snow possible elsewhere. Temperatures will be cold and well below normal with highs around 35 to 45 degrees in the lowlands and 25 to 35 degrees in the mountains. It will also be breezy with 15 to 25 mph northeast winds. Many roads, especially in the mountains will become snow-packed and icy. If you have to travel, please allow extra time to reach your destination. Snow fell this morning across much of southwest New Mexico and into Far West Texas. Roads became snow-packed and slippery in many locations.







**NWS San Angelo:** One to 2 inches of snow is possible for some locations of West Central Texas, with a few areas possibly seeing up to 4 inches. A **Winter Weather Advisory** is now in effect until 9:00AM Friday morning for **Shackelford, Runnels, Tom Green, Concho, Schleicher, Callahan, Coleman, Fisher, Nolan, Jones, Sterling, Coke, Irion, Crockett and Taylor Counties**. Slick and hazardous driving conditions, especially on bridges and overpasses can be expected. Visibility also may be reduced, resulting in dangerous travel conditions.



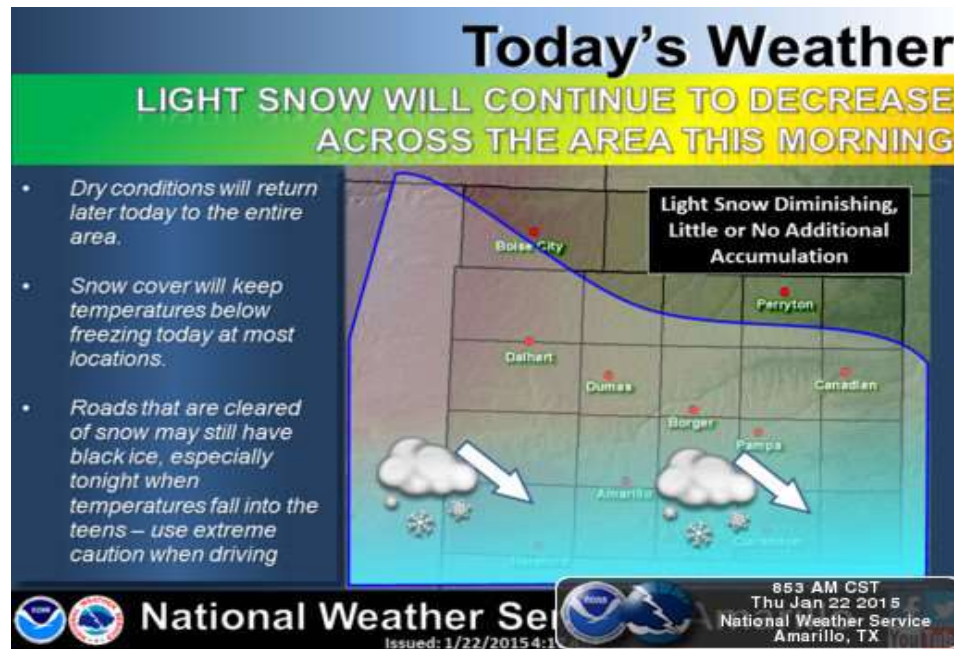
#### Region 5

**NWS Lubbock:** A **Winter Storm Warning** remains in effect through midnight for the southwestern Texas Panhandle where 6 to 8 inches of snow is possible. The rest of the area is under a **Winter Weather Advisory** through midnight for 1 to 3 inches of snow. Untreated roads will become snow-packed and icy making for dangerous travel. Locally heavy snowfall rates will also result in rapid accumulations of snowfall on road surfaces making some minor roads impassable. Sustained northeast winds of 10 to 20 mph will create some blowing snow and poor visibility.





**NWS Amarillo:** A **Winter Storm Warning** remains in effect until 6:00PM this evening for **Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Hartley, Moore, Hutchinson, Roberts, Oldham, Potter, Carson, Gray, Deaf Smith, Randall and Armstrong Counties.** A **Winter Weather Advisory** remains in effect until 6:00PM for **Lipscomb, Hemphill, Wheeler, Donley, and Collingsworth Counties.** Occasional light snow today will result in additional snowfall accumulations around 1 inch or less through 6:00PM. Total snowfall accumulations of 6 to 14 inches are expected across the western and central sections of the Oklahoma Panhandle as well as much of the Texas Panhandle. The snowfall began to diminish from north to south across the area this afternoon.



**DDC 01 Amarillo (Includes Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Moore, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Oldham, Potter, Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Deaf Smith, Randall, Armstrong, Donley, Collingsworth, Parmer, Castro, Swisher, Briscoe, Hall and Childress Counties)**

City of Amarillo/Potter and Randall County EOC activated at 3PM yesterday afternoon. Emergency Management Coordinators (EMCs), county judges, and Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster are monitoring the situation. District Coordinator (DC) Amarillo and the DDC Lieutenant are in contact with state partners such as TxDOT, TPWD and TFS. They have coordinated with TFS and TPWD for 4-wheel drive vehicles in the event there are stranded motorist issues. City of Amarillo offices are closed today due to winter weather conditions. The DC also is working with the Military District Coordinator. There are no unmet needs at this time.

**DDC 02 Lubbock (Includes Bailey, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Motley, Cochran, Hockley, Lubbock, Crosby, Dickens, King, Yoakum, Terry, Lynn and Garza Counties)**

DDC 02 de-activated as of 8:00AM this morning. The Salvation Army (TSA) has its warming station open until Friday morning and additional warming stations in the jurisdiction have been identified but have not been activated. The American Red Cross is standing by and ready to assist. A weather incident was created in WebEOC as "2015 Jan 21 Winter Weather" on the Lubbock Server for jurisdictional awareness. The Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) is available in the Lubbock area with 4-wheel drive vehicles to the assist the jurisdiction if needed. The

Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD) wardens are available to assist the remainder of the district with additional 4-wheel drive vehicles. The Emergency Management Coordinators (EMCs) were given contact information regarding the Wardens and TFS personnel. 7500 blankets and 2500 cots were spread throughout the jurisdictions and are available to the local entities if needed. The counties that border New Mexico (NM) have been in contact with the NM jurisdictions for road issues and possible stranded drivers.

**DDC 03 Wichita Falls (Includes Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Wilbarger, Baylor, Wichita, Archer, Young, Clay, Jack and Montague Counties)**

The Winter Weather Advisory for Wichita Falls was cancelled early this morning.

**DDC 07 Abilene (Includes Kent, Stonewall, Haskell, Throckmorton, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Mitchell, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Eastland, Runnels, Coleman, Brown and Comanche Counties)**

DDC 07 Abilene is expecting cold rain turning to snow sometime this evening. Ice is not expected except on bridges and overpasses. TxDOT is ready to pre-treat structures and clear roadways as necessary. Conditions are expected to be worse to the north and west with warmer temperatures to the south and east. Thursday evening may see icing of wet roadways due to lower temperatures. Local emergency managers have not reported any unmet needs and they are ready to open warming centers or shelters, if needed.

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RESPONDING AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS**

**Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):** DPS Highway Patrol is monitoring weather conditions and are prepared to respond if required.

**Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM):** District Coordinators in impacted and potentially impacted areas are coordinating with volunteer agencies, local government agencies and also assisting with coordination of winter weather conference calls.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** TxDOT crews in the Amarillo, Lubbock and Odessa districts have been actively treating and plowing snow-packed roads and bridges. Crews in the Abilene, Amarillo, Atlanta, Brownwood, Childress, Dallas, El Paso, Ft. Worth, Lubbock, Odessa, Paris, San Angelo, Tyler and Wichita Falls districts are preparing for winter precipitation today and through tomorrow. These districts will be pre-treating bridges and monitoring highway conditions, plowing and deicing as necessary. As of 9:15AM this morning, TxDOT reported no closures due to snow or icy conditions. For current TxDOT highway conditions, go to their road conditions link at [www.drivetexas.org](http://www.drivetexas.org).

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD):** TPWD notified Game Wardens statewide and are actively monitoring weather conditions and standing by.

**Texas Public Utility Commission (PUC):** Excel Energy reported approximately 2,500 customers without power overnight; power was restored to all customers this morning.

**Texas Military Forces (TMF):** Excel Energy reported approximately 2,500 customers without power overnight; power was restored to all customers this morning.

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The State Operations Center conducted a winter weather conference call with selected state emergency management council agencies and National Weather Service Offices at 10:00AM this morning. No additional conference calls are scheduled for this event unless conditions warrant. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) is monitoring the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed. The SOC is at Activation Level IV (Normal Conditions).

**The four levels of SOC activation are:**

Level I (Emergency Conditions)  
Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)  
Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)  
Level IV (Normal Conditions)

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